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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BENIN COMPLAINT

1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH, BENIN ACTING PERM REP HOUNGAVOU CALLED ON SYG WALDHEIM JANUARY 24 TO ASK WALDHEIM TO SEND MISSION TO BENIN TO VERIFY BENIN CHARGES OF AGGRESSION HAVING BEEN COMMITTED JANUARY 16. BENIN REPORTEDLY HAS SENT SIMILAR APPEALS TO NON-ALIGNED AND OAU. WALDHEIM IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD HOUNGAVOU THAT IT IS NOT WITHIN SYG'S DOMAIN INDEPENDENTLY TO CONSTITUTE SUCH A MISSION; RATHER, IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. HOUNGAVOU THEN SENT MESSAGE TO COTONOU WITH RESULT THAT BENIN GOVERNMENT NOW HAS ASKED FOR SC MEETING TO CONSIDER QUESTION "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" (BENIN LETTER OF JANUARY 26, CIRCULATED IN UNSC DOCUMENT S/12278, BY SEPTEL). AFRICANS HERE HAS PRESSURED HOUNGAVOU TO
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HAVE QUESTION SETTLED REGIONALLY, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 52 OF UN CHARTER, BUT HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED. BENIN APPEARS DETERMINED TO HAVE UN SEND MISSION TO COTONOU IN EFFORT TO SUBSTANTIATE BENIN'S CLAIMS.

3. ACCORDING TO FRENCH, BENIN HOPES FOR UNSC CONSULTATIONS FEBRUARY 1. (SOVIETS THEREBY WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED IN

FINESSING ISSUE INTO UK PRESIDENCY OF SC. UKUN TELLS
US, HOWEVER, THAT NEITHER USSR NOR BENIN MISSION HAS
CONTACTED UKUN THUS FAR.)

4. IVORY COAST PERMREP AKE BELIEVES THAT BENIN ALSO MAY
BE SEEKING COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES ALLEGEDLY SUSTAINED
DURING "ACT OF AGGRESSION", ALTHOUGH IDENTITY OF POTENTIAL
SOURCE OF COMPENSATION IS UNCLEAR.
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